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Applicants: Robert T. BAUM, Eric A. VOIT

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Title: SIMPLE PEERING IN A TRANSPORT NETWORK EMPLOYING NOVEL

EDGE DEVICES

TC/A.U.: 2616

Examiner: Robert C. Scheibel

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 13, 2006 (Paper No. 20060914), which set a period for response to expire on January 13, 2007, that period being extended one (1) month to expire on February 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.